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Applicant : Taketomi Asami et al. Art Unit : 2815
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SAME

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO ACTION

Further to the reply to action filed on July 12, 2005, applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 34-67 are pending in this application with claims 34-37 and 50-55 being independent.

Claims 34-67 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,787,807). Applicant continues to request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Yamazaki does not qualify as prior art. In particular, Yamazaki was filed on June 19, 2001. By contrast, the present application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/918,547, filed August 1, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,703,265), which claims priority from Japanese application number 2000-234913, which was filed on August 2, 2000 ("the Japanese priority application"). The Japanese priority application establishes a date of invention prior to June 19, 2001, such that Yamazaki does not qualify as prior art under section 102(e).

A verified English translation of the Japanese priority application is enclosed with this supplemental response. Claims 34-67 find support in the Japanese priority application as set forth below.

Claims 34-37 find support at page 47, lines 4-5, and, respectively, claims 1-4.

Claims 38-41 find support at claim 5.

Claims 42-45 find support at claims 6-9.

Claims 46-49 find support at page 55, lines 7-12.

Claims 50-55 find support at claim 1; page 47, lines 4-5; and page 55, lines 2-5.

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Claims 56-61 find support at claim 2.

Claims 62-67 find support at claim 3.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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